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How Tight?

What's Right?

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Air Barrier Metrics

Material	0.02 l/(s-m2) @ 75 Pa
Assembly	0.20 l/(s-m2) @ 75 Pa
Enclosure	2.00 l/(s-m2) @ 75 Pa
	0.35 cfm/ft2 @ 50 Pa
	0.25 cfm/ft2 @ 50 Pa
	0.15 cfm/ft2 @ 50 Pa

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Getting rid of big holes	3 ach@50
Getting rid of smaller holes	1.5 ach@50
Getting German	0.6 ach@50

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Best

As Tight as Possible - with -
Balanced Ventilation
Energy Recovery
Distribution and Mixing
Source Control - Spot exhaust ventilation
Filtration
Material selection

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Worst

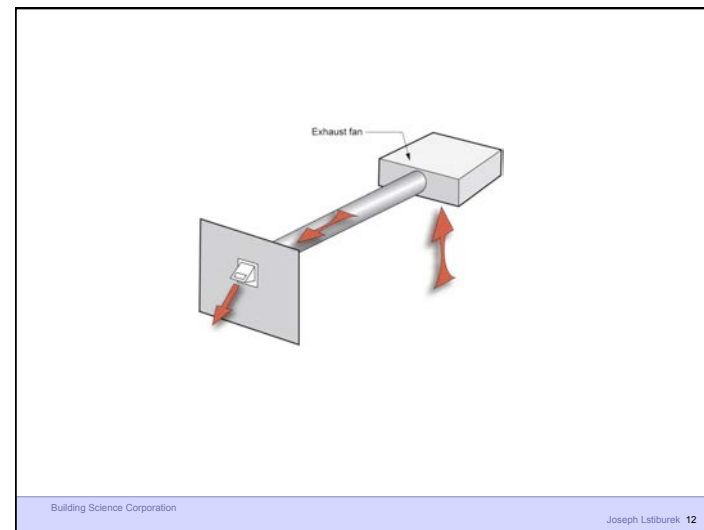
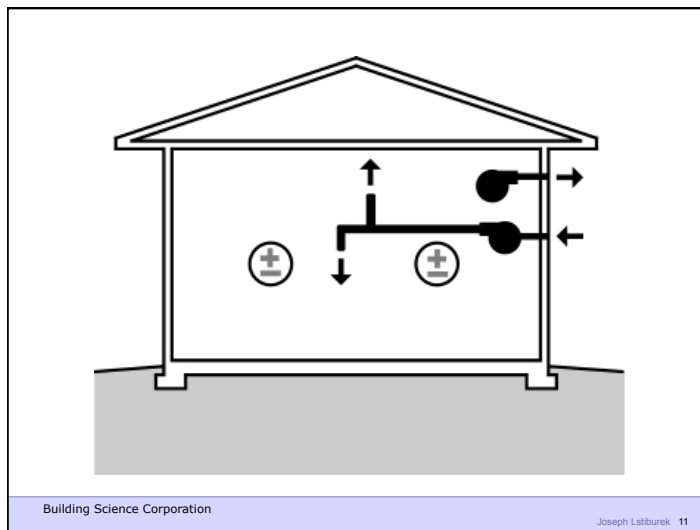
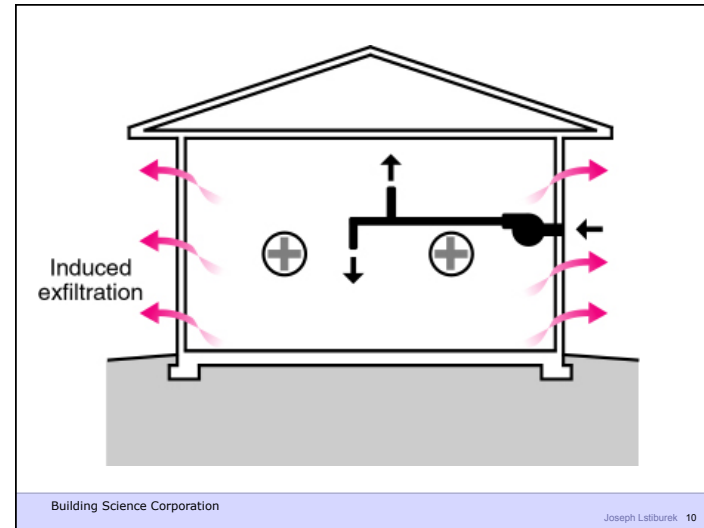
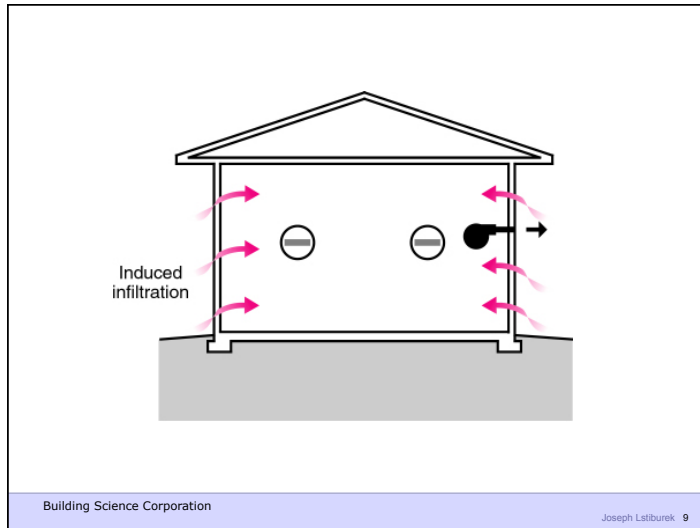
Leaky - with – Nothing
Spot Ventilation in Bathroom/Kitchen
Exhaust Ventilation – with – No Distribution
and No Mixing

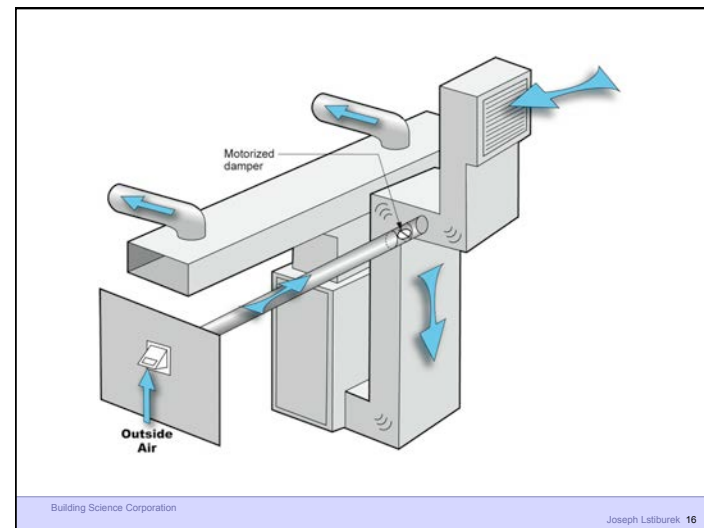
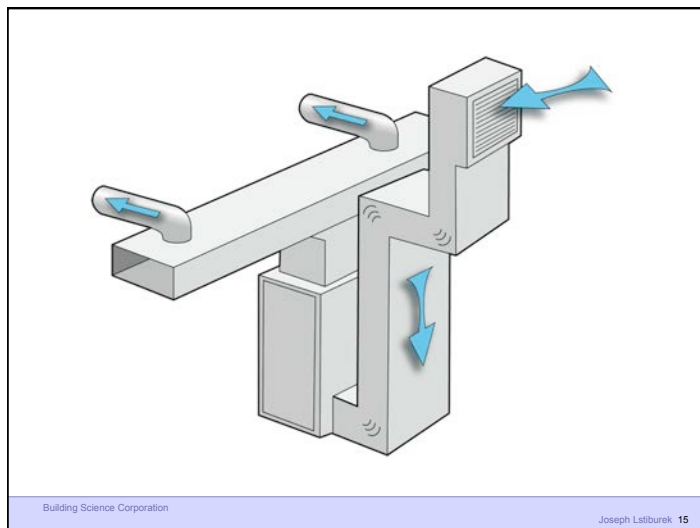
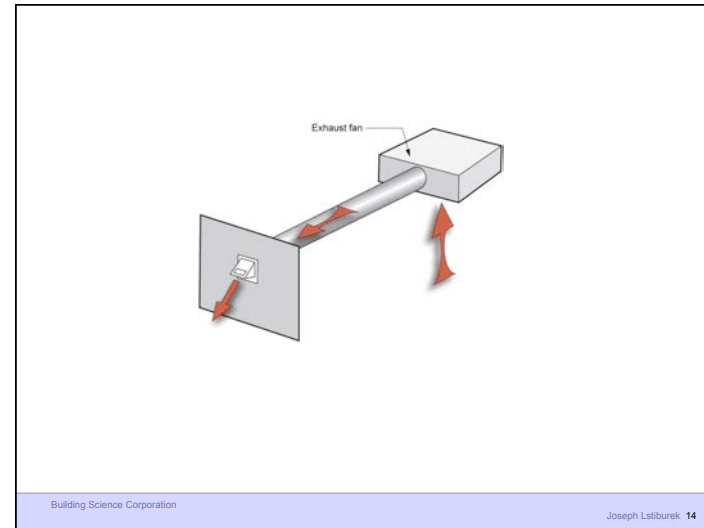
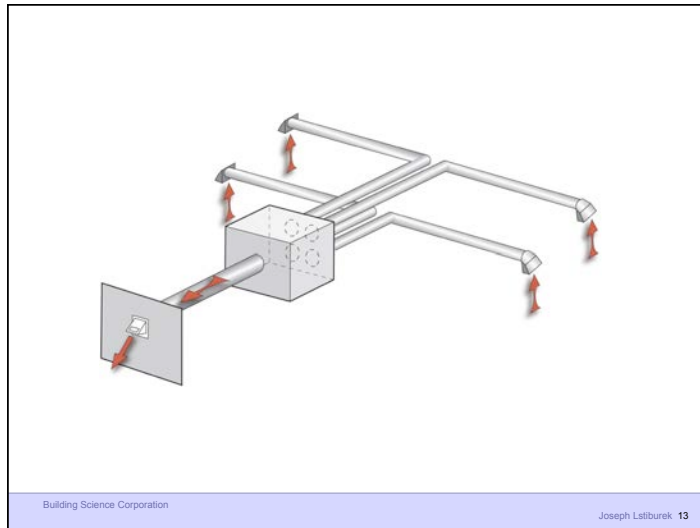
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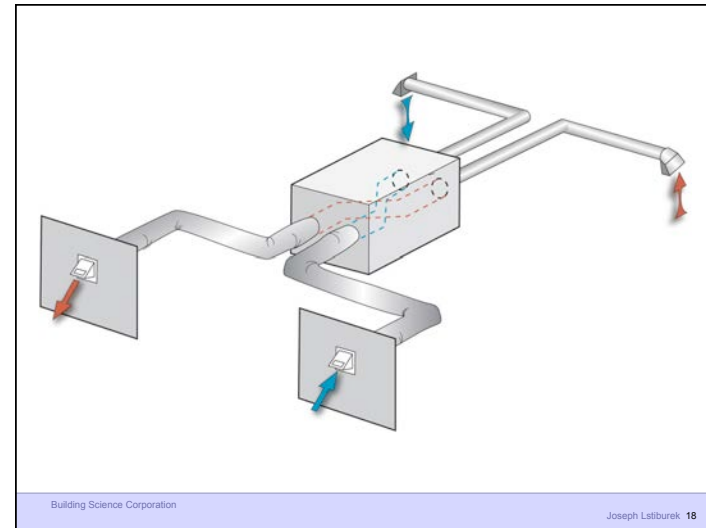
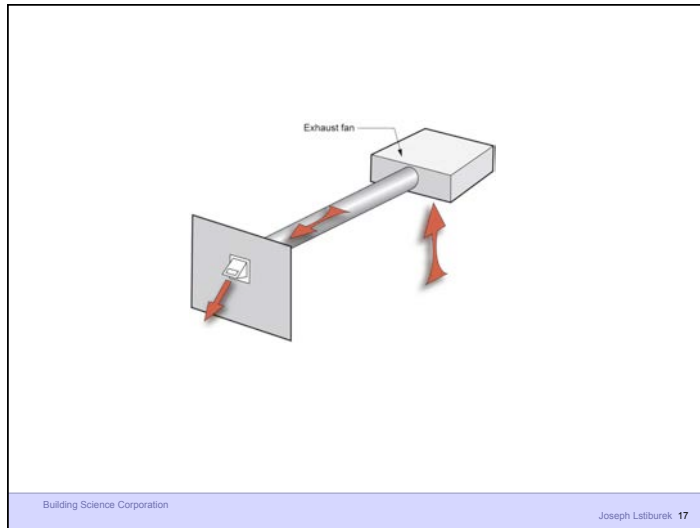
Three Types of Controlled Ventilation
Systems

Exhaust Ventilation
Supply Ventilation
Balanced Ventilation

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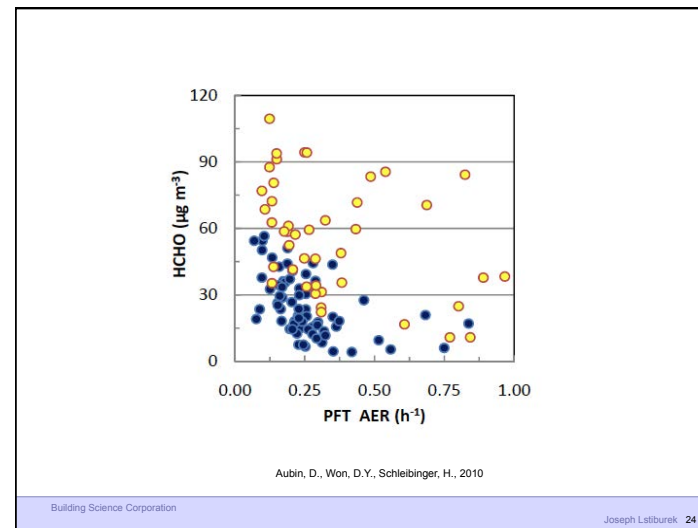
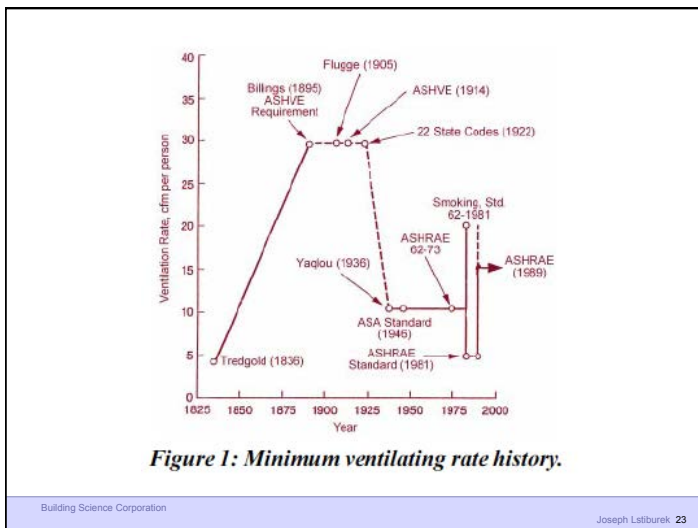
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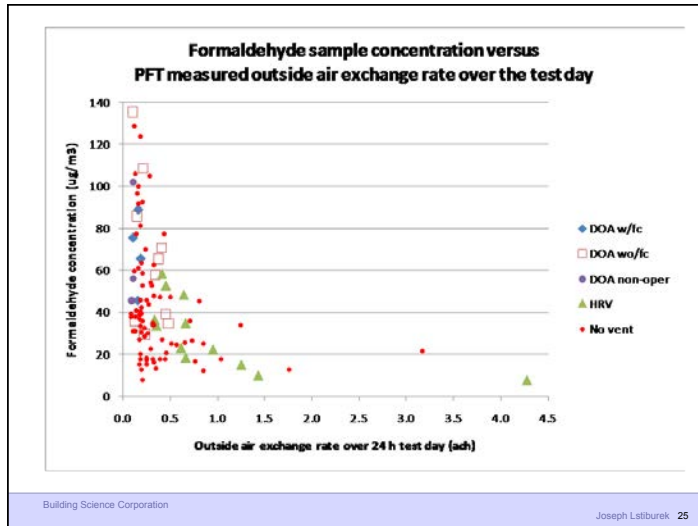
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 The Applicable Studies Focus on Dampness

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Dilution Is Not The Solution To Indoor Pollution Source Control

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Dilution For People Source Control For The Building

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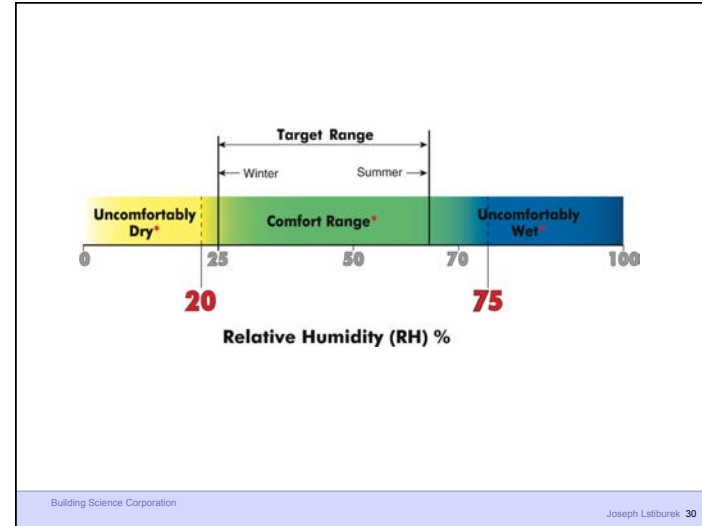
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Outcome is often bad – part load humidity problems, dryness problems, energy problems

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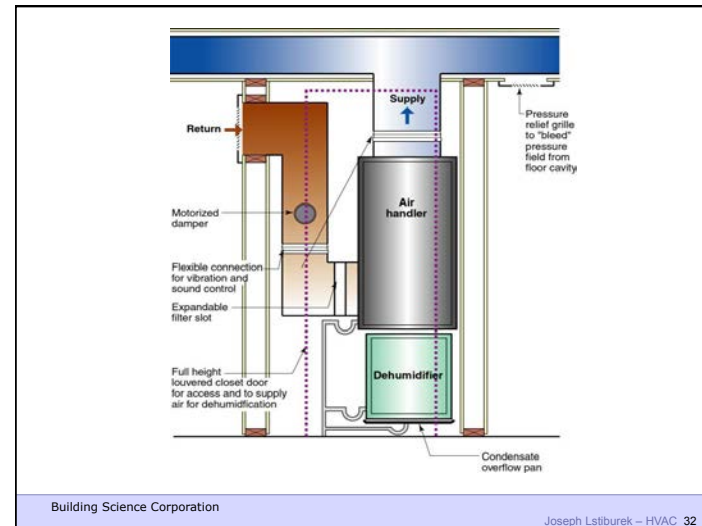


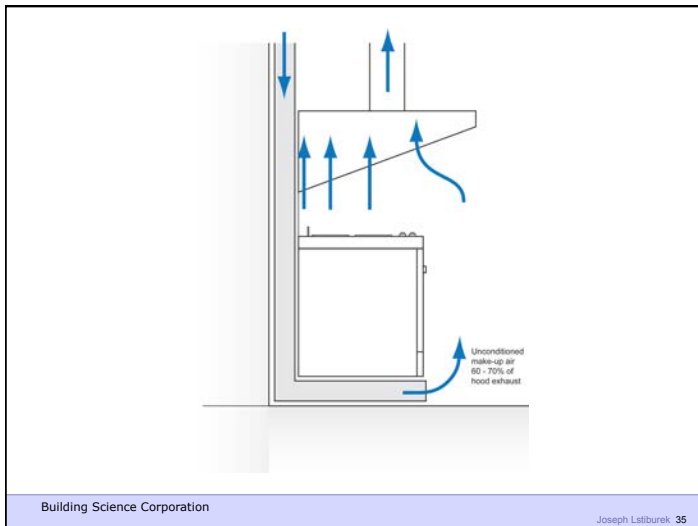
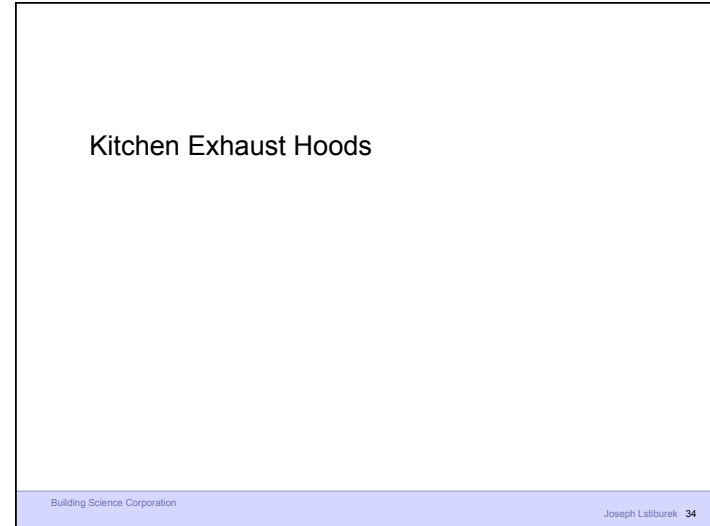
Recommended Range of Relative Humidity

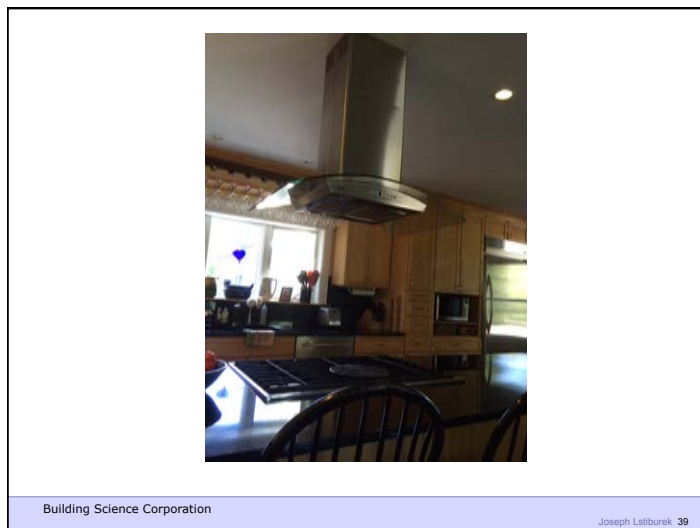
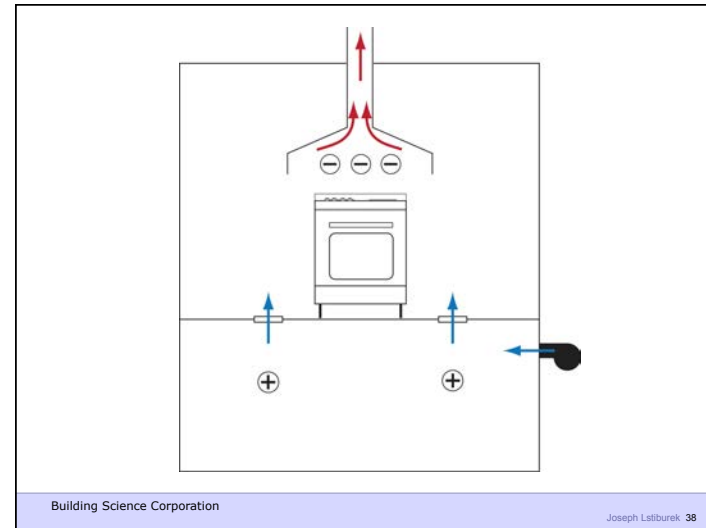
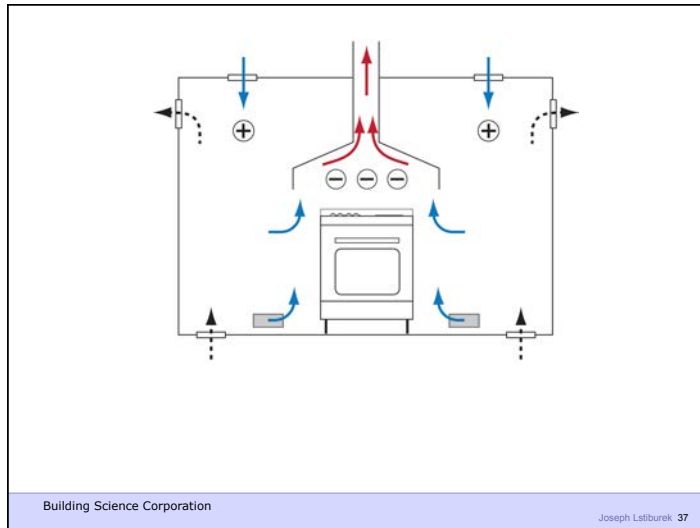
Above 25 percent during winter

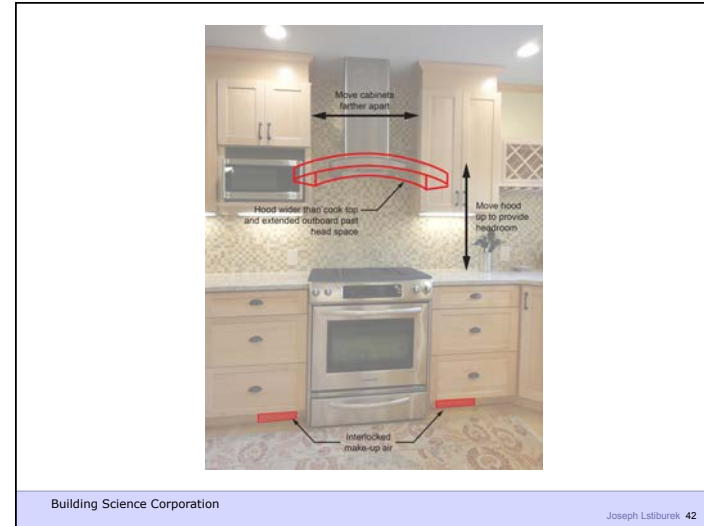
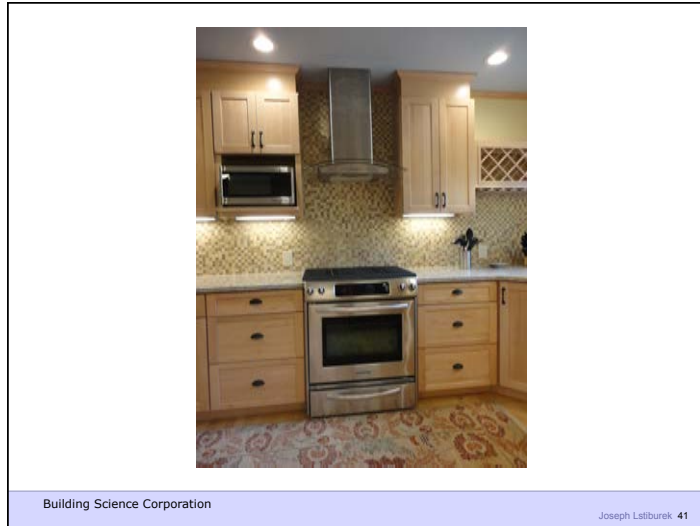
Below 70 percent during summer

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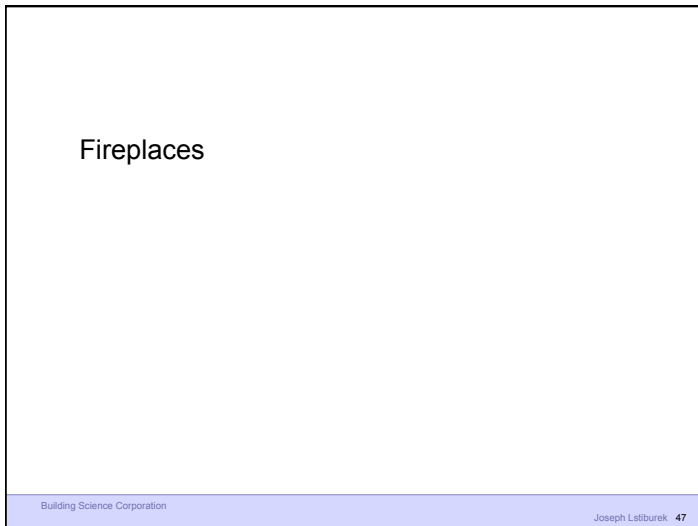


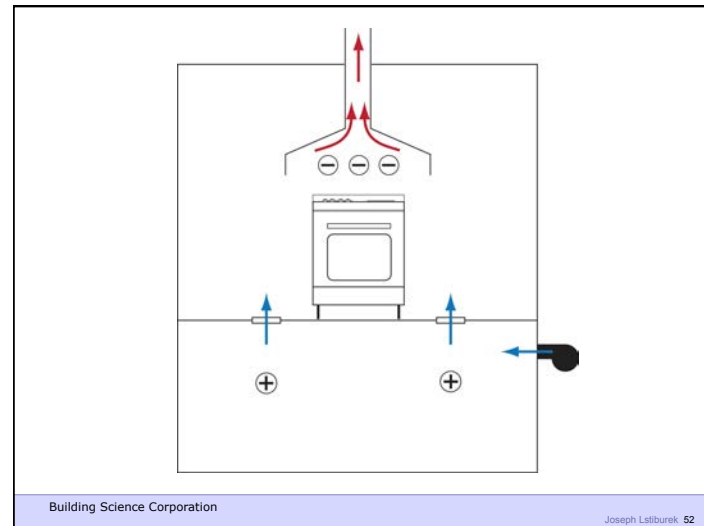
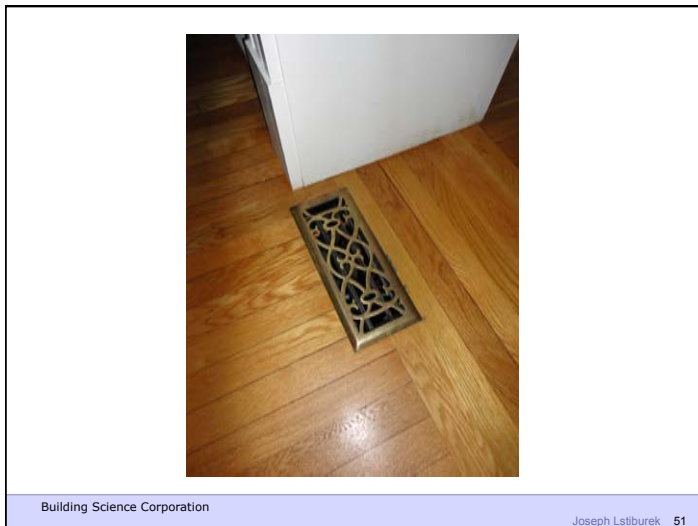
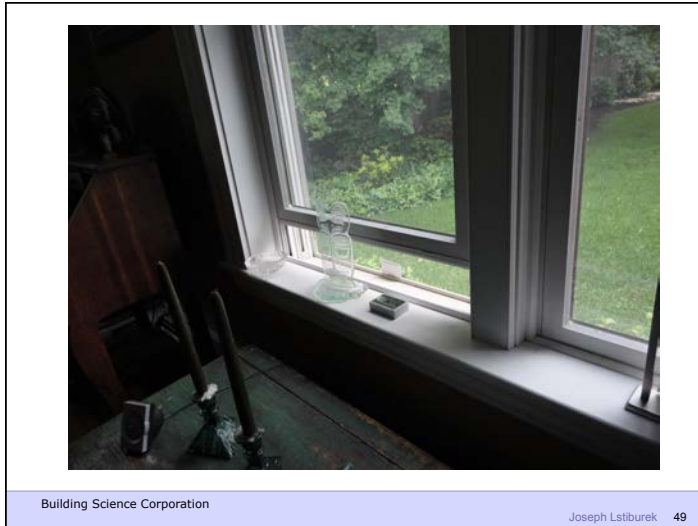




Clothes Dryers

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Approaches

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